

# NICKEL DISTRICT CONSERVATION AUTHORITY

## MINUTES OF GENERAL BOARD MEETING



**Thursday, September 13, 2018**

Northern Water Sports Centre  
206 Ramsey Lake Rd. Sudbury

Commenced: 4:40 p.m.  
Adjourned: 6:05 p.m.

**PRESENT:** Lin Gibson, Chairperson  
Jennifer Davidson  
Anne Watelet  
Fern Cormier  
Mike Jakubo  
Steve Kaufman, Vice Chair  
Paul Sajatovic

**ALSO PRESENT:** Carl Jorgensen, Secretary –Treasurer, General Manager  
Sarah Woods, staff  
Madison Keegans, staff

**COMMUNICATION:** Mark Signoretti, Regrets  
Joscelyne Landry-Altmann, Regrets

1. Chairperson Lin Gibson opened the meeting by providing some opening remarks:

- Lin represented Conservation Ontario (CO) at the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) conference August 20-23.
- Lin also attended a CO Directors meeting in Mississauga for a CO Bylaw review.
- Lin thanked Vice-Chairperson Steve Kaufman for representing Conservation Sudbury (CS) at two hearings on August 20.
- Lin and Nels Conroy, Past Chair of the Source Protection Committee (SPC) presented a Source Protection Authority update and annual report to the City of Greater Sudbury Council on September 10. Nels was recognized for his work as Chair of the SPC from 2007 to 2018.
- Lin indicated that she will be absent from September 22 to October 8 as she will be traveling. Steve and/or Carl will be representing us at a CO Council meeting on Sept.24.
- Lin highlighted a number of upcoming priority items:
  - The budget document preparations for the City of Greater Sudbury
  - Lin will complete Carl's annual performance review in October
  - The Fast Flowing Water video is being finalized by students from Sudbury Secondary School. It will be uploaded to YouTube and a media release is expected for October. It was confirmed that the context of the safety program was for fast-flowing hazardous scenarios and that the positive messages around the environmental importance and the safe enjoyment of water are included.

- An event is being planned to celebrate the completion of the Lake Laurentian Conservation Area sign project. The new target date is the afternoon of October 12.
  - Madison Keegans (Source Protection Program Manager), Carl and Lin will be attending the Latornell Conservation Symposium in November. Nels Conroy will be presented with a Leadership Award in recognition of his career of environmental work including his role as Chair of the Source Protection Committee.
  - CO is anticipating meetings / updates from the Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks, as well as the Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry for clarification regarding portfolio changes.
2. No declarations of conflict were made.
3. Adoption of Agenda

**Resolution 2018-60**

**Kaufman - Jakubo**

*That the agenda for the September 13, 2018 General Board Meeting be adopted as circulated.*

**Carried.**

4. Adoption of Minutes of Previous Meetings

Member Kaufman asked for an update re: proposed closed hours at the Conservation Areas. Carl indicated that he is still conducting research and discussing with colleagues and will prepare a report for the Board at a later date.

**Resolution 2018-61**

**Sajatovic - Davidson**

*That the minutes of the June 14, 2018 General Board Meeting, as duplicated and circulated be approved.*

**Carried.**

5. Sudbury Source Protection Authority

**Resolution 2018-62**

**Kaufman – Watelet**

*That we now leave the meeting of the General Board of the NDCA and commence a meeting of the Sudbury Source Protection Authority.*

**Carried.**

a) Appointment of two new Committee Members

The Sudbury Source Protection Committee has proposed two new committee members to fill vacancies. As per *Ontario Regulation 288/07* these new members must be appointed by the Source Protection Authority. A report prepared by Madison Keegans was circulated that describes the process taken to select the members and outlines the experience of the two proposed candidates.

**Resolution SPA 2018-10**

**Watelet – Jakubo**

*That the Source Protection Authority Appoints Municipal Representative Mike Jensen to the Sudbury Source Protection Committee effective immediately.*

*Further,*

*That the Sudbury Source Protection Authority appoints Public Member at Large Representative Robert Alemany to the Sudbury Source Protection Committee effective immediately.*

**Carried.**

b) Adjournment and return to NDCA General Board Meeting

**Resolution SPA 2018-11**

**Cormier – Sajatovic**

*That we do now adjourn the meeting of the Sudbury Source Protection Authority and return to the meeting of the General Board of the NDCA.*

**Carried.**

6. General Business

a) Section 28 Report

A report describing the S.28 and S.29 permits for June, July and August 2018 was distributed. The new section 29 permit list those issued for activities undertaken on Conservation Authority lands.

**Resolution 2018-63**

**Watelet - Cormier**

*That the Report for permits issued under Section 28 and Section 29 of the Conservation Authorities Act for June, July and August 2018 is received.*

**Carried.**

b) Regulations Review Committee report

Steve Kaufman chaired the Regulations Review Committee hearing on August 20 and gave a brief overview of the outcomes.

**Resolution 2018-64**

**Jakubo – Watelet**

*Given that the Regulations Review Committee met with the applicants at a public hearing, and that the applicants and Authority staff were provided ample opportunity to explain their positions, to ask and respond to a variety of questions, and*

*That the Committee deliberated in-camera based on the information provided to them, and reached a decision at that time, therefore be it resolved*

*That the application by Bernita Brkljacich for a permit to place fill at 1433 Byrnes Drive in Balfour Township is denied in accordance with the decision by the Regulations Review Committee at the hearing held on August 20, 2018.*

**Carried.**

c) Second reading of new Administrative By-Law

Carl highlighted specific sections for board review and received constructive feedback on numerous sections. Carl will draft suggested changes and circulate the revised by-law in the next meeting's materials.

**Resolution 2018-65**

**Davidson – Kaufman**

*Be it resolved that the draft Administration By-law 2018-01 is received for second reading.*

**Carried.**

d) Draft Business Plan for CGS

An example of the 2017 Business Plan was circulated as a reference. The text for the 2018 business plan was also circulated; it includes more details as requested by the municipality. The Board provided feedback and suggested amendments. Carl will make those amendments prior to submitting to the CGS CFO.

**Resolution 2018-66**

**Watelet – Sajatovic**

*Be it resolved*

*That the Business Plan text be approved as circulated and discussed, and further*

*That the General Manager provides the text to the City of Greater Sudbury's CFO.*

**Carried.**

e) NDMP/DMAF update

Carl indicated that a formal announcement from MP Paul Lefebvre is expected soon regarding our successful application to NDMP (Natural Disasters Mitigation Program) for a project that includes updating the floodplain mapping for the Junction Creek watershed. Carl also indicated that the Authority has partnered with the City of Greater Sudbury on an expression of interest (EOI) to the Disaster Mitigation and Adaptation Fund (DMAF) for projects in the Junction Creek / Vermilion River watershed totaling more than \$22 M over 10 years. The portion is. We are waiting to hear back following the submission of the EOI; if successful that will be followed by a more detailed application. The Authority's component of this project would include just over \$8M worth of work on flood control infrastructure including dams.

7. In Camera Session

**Resolution 2018-67**

**Watelet – Sajatovic**

*That we go in-camera at 6:40 pm.*

**Carried.**

At 6:55 p.m. the Board ended the in-camera session with no resolutions forthcoming

8. New Business

a) NDCF AGM minutes and update (information only)

It was noted that Member Watelet's name was included as a Director in error and must be removed as she is not on the foundation's board at this time.

b) Selection of Audit and Finance Committee meeting date

Member Jakubo indicated that the Audit and Finance Committee should aim to meet in late November or early December to be prepared to present to CGS Council in January. A preliminary budget is to be shared for review in late October or early November.

c) Trail sign publicity event

Over the summer months the sign plan was substantially completed by the contractor and the assistance of trails staff at the Lake Laurentian Conservation Area. It now includes over 90 way-finding signs including on the ski trails. An event to celebrate the completion of the project is scheduled for the afternoon of October 12 to best accommodate schedules. Members will be invited as the date nears.

9. Adjournment

**Resolution 2018-68**

**Jakubo – Watelet**

*That we do now adjourn.*

**Carried.**